

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana
December 20, 2006
Indiana Government Center South, Conference Rm C
1:00 – 3:15 P.M.

Commission Members: John von Arx, Hon. William Sleva, Jeff Barber, Paula Parker-Sawyers, Bruce Copple, Ryan McCann, Tim Kelly, Wyatt Mullinax, Steve Clouse, Steve Camilleri, Melissa Long, Jim Bobe, Vernon Smith, Dennis Kruse

Attendance: Diana Williams (DOC); Karen DeZarn (Purdue Extension); Kim Manlove (DHMA and SPF/SIG); Marcia French (DHMA and SPF/SIG); John Viernes (DHMA); Jerry Vance (DOC)

ICJI : Monica Greer, Kelly Sickafroose, Steven King, Mary Murdock, Michael Cunegin, Sonya Cleveland, Allison Webb

Welcome and Introductions – John von Arx

John von Arx introduced Commission members present

Approval of Minutes – John von Arx

John von Arx motioned that the minutes from the previous meeting of November 15, 2006 be approved. The motion was seconded. The Commission unanimously approved the November 15, 2006 minutes.

DFI Strategic Plan, Final Review – Colleen Copple

Colleen reviewed the DFI Strategic Plan with the Commission and had presentations/explanations on the different components of the plan from Commission members.

- **Prevention:**

- Jeff Barber recommended creating initiatives that support connections between LCC's and the education system, ITCP programming, and Faith Based Initiatives. He said many things are already occurring at the local level and that it would be helpful, at the state level, to increase development of that working relationship. If a state model existed it could be shared with the local level and would have a greater impact on prevention.
- John von Arx asked if the findings in the Strategic Plan were provided by the Epidemiological work group. Colleen Copple said that she would include references for the findings.

- John von Arx also commented on the goal statements, objectives, and action sets. He questioned how each would be accomplished and when. He also asked Colleen Copple where and how she saw that level of detail being built into the plan. Colleen Copple responded that she saw those items being accomplished through the efforts of the LCC's.
- **Treatment:** The group reviewed the addition of objective 3 in DFI Strategic Plan, Treatment section
 - John Viernes spoke on gap analysis, workforce issues, how to pay for treatment, assessment for treatment, rewarding treatment providers that offer good services, research and collection of data.
 - Colleen Copple suggested a cooperative between DMHA and Dept. of Corrections. John Viernes gave examples of discussions that are already ongoing.
 - John von Arx mentioned Interagency Council on Drugs. He also raised the question of if the agencies that provide services in prevention, treatment, and law enforcement should be in concurrence with the DFI Strategic Plan. Colleen Copple stated the goal of the DFI Strategic Plan is to be more of a support system to make sure everyone is being linked and communicating, avoiding work duplication. A challenge is the lack of resources or authority to get all collaborating agencies' approval.
 - Paula Parker-Sawyers commented on the collection of data for treatment plans. Without a large pool of data, how will the size of the problem or results be evaluated? John Viernes explained what data is being collected; Sonya Cleveland added that LCC's should also be reporting if they have awarded tuition to individuals for treatment. Colleen Copple commented on the sophistication of performance measures with treatment providers and added there is a need to do a statewide drug control strategy. The importance of resources being redirected toward treatment programs rather than putting them into the system where the same outcome is likely was discussed.
 - Diana Williams from Dept. of Corrections gave a brief report on evidence-based practices in DOC and rates of recidivism.
- **Law Enforcement:**
 - Colleen Copple stated that in November a working group of 20 local state and federal law enforcement agencies was convened to focus on improving interdiction efforts.
 - Mark Frisbee stated that the main goal is to get everyone in the state on the same page, and create a uniform state interdiction policy. He has taken

federal program, customized it to Indiana. This program will be a basic course of all academy training.

- Jeff Barber made the suggestion, on underage drinking, that he would like to see the age range expanded to include the 9th-12th grade. Colleen Copple said she would expand the age range addressed.
- **Local and State Coordination:**
 - Colleen Copple reviewed goal statement and objectives. Made reference to Meth Free Indiana (MFI) meeting and community tool kits that was discussed as an example of local and state coordination. Discussed LCC funding.
 - Melissa Long inquired about judges having the ability to assess fees. John von Arx said that it had been a back burner item but something to be given more attention. Mark Frisbee added to the discussion on collection.
- **Infrastructure/Capacity:**
 - Colleen Copple said there were no findings to date and discussed goals and objectives. Spoke on the Meth Repository and the Meth report. Discussed addiction as illness and changing the stigma of treatment.
 - Colleen Copple stated that the Strategic Plan document will be e-mailed to Commission members for suggestions or changes.
 - John von Arx made a motion to pass Commission's support on the Strategic Plan with amendments and suggestions that have been discussed during this meeting and with the understanding that the Strategic Plan will have a detailed level of expansion and be presented at the next meeting. He would like to present the plan to the Governor.
 - Paula Parker Sawyers seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

NE Region LCC Report – Northeast Regional Advisory Board

Members gave individual presentations on efforts and experiences in their respective counties.

Jerri Lerch – Drug and Alcohol Consortium – Allen County

Brenda Daley – Drug Free – Dekalb County

Janet Stork – Drug Free – Noble County

Bary Humble – Substance Abuse Awareness Council – Adams County

Meeting Adjourned